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In re Application of
Sonderman, et al.
Application No. 09/880,975
Filed: October 8, 2002
Attorney Docket No. 2000.045300

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DECISION ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition to revive under 37 CFR 1.137(b), pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(f), filed November 5, 2003 (Certificate of Mailing dated November 3, 2003).

The petition is **GRANTED**.

Petitioner states that the instant application is the subject of a PCT international application filed on April 2, 2002. However, the US Patent and Trademark Office was unintentionally not notified of this filing within 45 days subsequent to the filing of the PCT application.

In view of the above, this application became abandoned pursuant to 35 USC 122(b)(2)(B)(iii) and 37 CFR 1.213(c) for failure to timely notify the Office of the filing of an application in a foreign country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication of applications 18 months after filing.

A petition under 37 CFR 1.137(f) must be accompanied by:

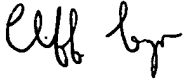
- (1) the reply, which is met by the notification of such filing in a foreign country or under a multinational treaty;
- (2) the petition fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m); and
- (3) a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date of the reply until the filing of a grantable petition was unintentional.

The instant petition has been found to be in compliance with 37 CFR 1.137(f). Accordingly, the failure to timely notify the Office of a foreign or international filing within 45 days after the date of filing of such foreign or international application as provided by 35 USC 122(b)(2)(B)(iii) and 37 CFR 1.213(c) is accepted as having been unintentionally delayed.

The previous Request and Certification under 35 USC 122(b)(2)(B)(i) has been rescinded.

The file is being forwarded to Technology Center 2800, Group Art Unit 2813, to await for applicant's response to the final Office action mailed November 24, 2003.

Telephone inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (703) 305-0272.



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